

**DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS**

**AMENDMENT DATE:** April 28, 2011  
**POSITION:** Oppose

**BILL NUMBER:** AB 670  
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**BILL SUMMARY: California State University: Admissions**

This bill would require the California State University (CSU) to ensure that its campuses implement uniform appeal procedures for applicants who are denied admission to a campus. The bill would require CSU campuses to include these appeal procedures in a denial of admission notification to a student, and to post the appeal procedure information on its Internet Web site. The appeal procedures would include the following: (1) the basis for appeal; (2) a timeframe of 15 days from the date of denial of the admissions notification in which to appeal; (3) a limit of one appeal per academic term; (4) the contact information for the campus office to which an appeal is submitted; and (5) an estimate for when the campus expects to issue a response to an appeal request.

**FISCAL SUMMARY**

The CSU has indicated that its campuses would incur one-time costs of \$42,000 to post the appeals procedure policy on their Web sites. The CSU indicated that these costs would be minor and absorbable.

**COMMENTS**

The Department of Finance (Finance) is opposed to this bill because including information about the appeal process on every notification letter of denial sent to CSU applicants will likely result in a greater number of appeals being submitted to the campuses, resulting in higher administrative costs for CSU staff to process these appeals. While CSU did not include these potential costs in their fiscal estimate, Finance notes that, given the \$650 million General Fund reduction to the university's budget for 2011-12, any increase in operating costs at this time may be difficult to absorb.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2011-2012	FC	2012-2013	FC	2013-2014	Code
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